

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Patent Application

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Group: 1657

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(Case Docket No. 21729)

Examiner: R.Gitomer

For: **USE OF PDE4D IN THE SCREENING FOR MEDICAMENTS AGAINST
ATHEROSCLEROSIS**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is timely filed. Entry of this Amendment is earnestly requested to place this case into condition for allowance or appeal.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2008, Claims 21-23 stand currently pending, with claims 27-37 withdrawn pursuant to restriction requirement. Claims 1-20 and 24-26 were previously cancelled. Please cancel claim 22 and amend claims 21 and 23 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows: